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SYSTEM AND METHOD

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 14 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.

**Appendix** is attached on the following of page 15 of this paper.